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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO DPC MINISTERIAL

SUMMARY: USNATO 3335, REPORTING DPC ACTION OF JULY 12, PROMISED A SEPTTEL CARRYING USNATO COMMENT ON FOLLOW-UP TO MINISTERIAL DECISIONS ON US PROPOSALS ON BASIC ISSUES OF NATO DEFENSE PLANNING AND CERTAIN CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS USNATO VIEWS AND REQUESTS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. MISSION SEES NO MAJOR PROBLEM IN SECURING ALLIANCE AGREEMENT IN BRUSSELS DESIRED BY WASHINGTON (STATE 136159) TO FOCUS ON FORCE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES SPECIFIED IN SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS TO DPC JUNE 7. THE FOUR AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT WHICH U.S. WISHES TO RECEIVE EMPHASIS--ANTI-TANK WEAPONS, RESERVE STOCKS, AIRCRAFT SHELTERS, AND COMMAND ORGANIZATION OF AIR ASSETS IN CENTRAL REGION--HAVE BEEN CLEARLY DESIGNATED. ON THE FIRST THREE OF THESE AREAS, THE DRC SHOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE INFORMATION NEEDED FOR CLOSE MONITORING OF PROGRESS AND FOR INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL REPORTS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL CAPABILITIES INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER COMMITMENTS TO IMPROVEMENTS. THE FOURTH AREA, CONTROL OF AIR RESOURCES, IS UNDER STUDY IN MILITARY COMMITTEE BUT WILL ALSO REQUIRE EMPHASIS BY PERMREPS AND A CONCENTRATED BILATERAL

EFFORT TO INFLUENCE THE UK AT EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

2. PROGRESS IN THE FOUR AREAS WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON POLITICAL AND BUDGETARY DECISIONS IN INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CAPITALS. WE FORESEE NECESSITY FOR BILATERAL APPROACHES TO OUR ALLIES BY WASHINGTON AND IN NATIONAL CAPITALS TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES THAT MAY ARISE BOTH IN SECURING AGREEMENT ON ALLIANCE OBJECTIVES AND IN PROVIDING FUNDS WHERE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE PUT IN THOSE HIGH PRIORITY FORCE IMPROVEMENT AREAS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING, WE MUST SEEK AGREEMENT WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON MORE SPECIFIC DEFINITION OF THE COMPOSITION, LEVELS, AND ARMAMENTS OF FORCES NEEDED TO ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY. AFTER AGREEMENT ON THESE MATTERS, THE ALLIANCE CAN MEASURE EXISTING FORCES AGAINST THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED THROUGH THIS STUDY AND CAN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE DEFICIENCIES AND THE ANOMALIES WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED.

4. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH USEFUL RESULTS WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, MISSION PROPOSES THAT THE U.S. SUGGEST A STUDY BY THE EWG ON TWO TRACKS. ONE WOULD BE SHORT-TERM, AIMED AT A REPORT TO THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL DPC, FOCUSING ON ANOMALIES THAT ARE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED. THE ASSIGNMENT FOR THE SHORT-TERM STUDY IS NOT JUST TO IDENTIFY THE ANOMALY BUT TO PRESCRIBE CORRECTIVE ACTION BY SETTING A CONCRETE GOAL FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND A TIMETABLE. THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THIS KIND OF ANOMALY IS THE MATTER OF SUPPLY LEVELS OF CRITICAL MUNITIONS INCLUDING WIDESPREAD DIFFERENCES IN CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC PERIODS OF CONFLICT. THE SECOND PHASE OF THE STUDY WOULD BE FOR THE LONGER TERM. IT WOULD BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE UNDERTAKING DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY OTHER DEFICIENCIES AND ANOMALIES WHICH ARE NOT SO WIDELY RECOGNIZED.

5. U.S. MISSION WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO INITIATE ACTION ON THE CRITICAL STUDIES MENTIONED ABOVE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EWG STUDY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DPC WILL MEET NEXT WEEK TO MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON ITS FOLLOW-UP WORK PROGRAM.
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